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In re Application of )  
DEAN *et al.* ) Art Unit: 1634  
Application No. 09/514,113 ) Examiner: Sisson, Bradley L  
Filing Date: February 28, 2000 ) Confirmation No. 9257  
For: METHOD FOR REDUCING ARTIFACTS )  
IN NUCLEIC ACID AMPLIFICATION )

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.  
Customer Number 23859

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that an extension of time for the period indicated below be granted in accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. Section 1.136 to take action required in the above-identified application, as reflected by the papers submitted herewith:

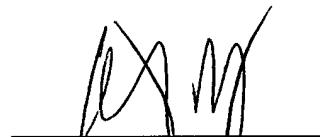
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| <u>                  </u>                          | One Month        | \$110.00    | (\$ 55.00)* |
| <u>          X  </u>                               | Two Months       | \$410.00    | (\$205.00)* |
| <u>                  </u>                          | Three Months     | \$930.00    | (\$465.00)* |
| <u>                  </u>                          | Four Months      | \$1,450.00  | (\$725.00)* |
| 01/17/2003 AOSMANI 00000040 09514113<br>01 FC:2252 | <u>205.00</u> 0P | Five Months | \$1,970.00  |
|  |                  |             | (\$985.00)* |

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Payment in the amount of \$205.00 for the Two-Month Extension of Time is submitted herewith. The payment is to be charged to a credit card and is authorized by the signed, enclosed document entitled: Credit Card Payment Form PTO-2038. No additional fee is believed due; however, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 14-0629.

Respectfully submitted,  
NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.



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1/10/2003